110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 277

AN ACT

- To modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Grand Teton National
- 5 Park Extension Act of 2007".

SEC 2 DEFINITIONS

1	SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
2	In this Act:
3	(1) Park.—The term "Park" means the Grand
4	Teton National Park.
5	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
6	the Secretary of the Interior.
7	(3) Subdivision.—The term "Subdivision"
8	means the GT Park Subdivision, with an area of ap-
9	proximately 49.67 acres, as generally depicted on—
10	(A) the plat recorded in the Office of the
11	Teton County Clerk and Recorder on December
12	16, 1997, numbered 918, entitled "Final Plat
13	GT Park Subdivision", and dated June 18,
14	1997; and
15	(B) the map entitled "2006 Proposed
16	Grand Teton Boundary Adjustment", numbered
17	136/80,198, and dated March 21, 2006, which
18	shall be on file and available for inspection in
19	appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-
20	ice.
21	SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF LAND.
22	(a) In General.—The Secretary may accept from
23	any willing donor the donation of any land or interest in
24	land of the Subdivision.
25	(b) Administration.—On acquisition of land or an

26 interest in land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

1	(1) include the land or interest in the bound-
2	aries of the Park; and
3	(2) administer the land or interest as part of
4	the Park, in accordance with all applicable laws (in-
5	cluding regulations).
6	(c) DEADLINE FOR ACQUISITION.—It is the intent of
7	Congress that the acquisition of land or an interest in land
8	under subsection (a) be completed not later than 1 year
9	after the date of enactment of this Act.
10	(d) RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER.—The Secretary
11	shall not donate, sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer any
12	land acquired under this section without express author-
13	ization from Congress.
14	SEC. 4. CRAIG THOMAS DISCOVERY AND VISITOR CENTER.
15	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
16	(1) Craig Thomas was raised on a ranch just
17	outside of Cody, Wyoming, near Yellowstone Na-
18	tional Park and Grand Teton National Park, where
19	he—
20	(A) began a lifelong association with those
21	parks; and
22	(B) developed a deep and abiding dedica-
23	tion to the values of the public land of the
24	United States;

- (2) during his 18-year tenure in Congress, including service in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, Craig Thomas forged a distinguished legislative record on issues as diverse as public land management, agriculture, fiscal responsibility, and rural health care;
 - (3) as Chairman and Ranking Member of the National Parks Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and a frequent visitor to many units of the National Park System, including Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park, Craig Thomas was a strong proponent for ensuring that people of all ages and abilities had a wide range of opportunities to learn more about the natural and cultural heritage of the United States;
 - (4) Craig Thomas authored legislation to provide critical funding and management reforms to protect units of the National Park System into the 21st century, ensuring quality visits to units of the National Park System and the protection of natural and cultural resources;
 - (5) Craig Thomas strongly supported publicprivate partnerships and collaboration between the National Park Service and other organizations that

- foster new opportunities for providing visitor services
 while encouraging greater citizen involvement in the
 stewardship of units of the National Park System;
 - (6) Craig Thomas was instrumental in obtaining the Federal share for a public-private partnership with the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and the Grand Teton Natural History Association to construct a new discovery and visitor center at Grand Teton National Park;
 - (7) on June 4, 2007, Craig Thomas passed away after battling cancer for 7 months;
 - (8) Craig Thomas is survived by his wife, Susan, and children, Patrick, Greg, Peter, and Lexie; and
 - (9) in memory of the distinguished career of service of Craig Thomas to the people of the United States, the dedication of Craig Thomas to units of the National Park System, generally, and to Grand Teton National Park, specifically, and the critical role of Craig Thomas in the new discovery and visitor center at Grand Teton National Park, the Grand Teton Discovery and Visitor Center should be designated as the "Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center".

1	(b) The Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor
2	Center.—
3	(1) Designation.—The Grand Teton Dis-
4	covery and Visitor Center located in Moose, Wyo-
5	ming, and scheduled for completion in August 2007
6	shall be known and designated as the "Craig Thom-
7	as Discovery and Visitor Center".
8	(2) Reference.—Any reference in a law, map
9	regulation, document, paper, or other record of the
10	United States to the Grand Teton Discovery and
11	Visitor Center referred to in paragraph (1) shall be
12	deemed to be a reference to the "Craig Thomas Dis-
13	covery and Visitor Center".
14	SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
15	There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec
16	retary such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act
	Passed the Senate June 19, 2007.
	Attest:

Secretary.

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